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SUBJECT: KENYAN AIRCRAFT DETAINED FOR RUNNING ARMS TO MPLA

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AN AIRCRAFT REGISTERED TO KENYAN AFRICAN SAFARIS AND FLOWN BY BRITISH CITIZENS WAS IMPOUNDED BY THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE AND LIBERATION FORCES IN LUSO IN EASTERN ANGOLA ON APRIL 21. THE ANGOLAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE AS PART OF ITS NEW POLICY TO NAME WRONG-DOERS, ANNOUNCING THAT THE AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS HAD BEEN DETAINED FOR FLYING IN "UNIFORMS AND MEDICINES" FOR MPLA WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION.

2. MPLA HAS BEEN ORDERED TO MAKE A REPORT ON THE EVENT "CLARIFYING THE TRUE NATURE OF THE CARGO AND ITS PROVIDORS." OTHER STEPS TAKEN INCLUDE PROHIBITING OTHER PLANES FROM KENYAN AFRICAN SAFARIS TO OVERFLY OR LAND IN ANGOLA, DETAINING THE PLANE IN LUSO UNTIL THE INQUIRY IS COMPLETED AND FLYING THE BRITISH PILOTS
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TO LUANDA FOR QUESTIONING. END OF UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. A BRITISH CONGEN OFFICER TOLD US THE PLANE WAS CARRYING SOME ARMS AND MUNITIONS, POSSIBLY INVOICED AS CLOTHING AND MEDICINES. THE AIRCRAFT, A BRITANIA UNDER CHARTER TO EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS, WAS CARRYING A 30 TON LOAD PICKED UP IN DAR ES SALAAM. THE PILOTS INSIST THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE CARRYING ONLY THE CARGO LISTED ON THE MANIFEST AND SAY THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT ARMS WERE ABOARD. THEY ALSO CLAIM TO HAVE MADE THE PROPER AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL COORDINATIONS, LANDED WITHOUT INCIDENT, TURNED THEIR INVOICE OVER TO CUSTOMS, UNLOADED AND BEGAN TO TAXI FOR DEPARTURE BEFORE THEY WERE HALTED AND DETAINED. THE SIX CREW MEMBERS WERE RELEASED FROM QUESTIONING ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26 AND LEFT LUANDA ON APRIL 28. KILLORAN

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